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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kyoko MIURA et al.

Title: N-ACETYLGLUCOSAMINE DERIVATIVES AND USE THEREOF

Appl. No.: 10/531,176

Filing Date April 11, 2005

Examiner: Layla D. Bland Allowed: February 25, 2008

Art Unit: 1623 Confirmation No. 4861

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance mailed on February 25, 2008, in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee is due May 27, 2008, and has not yet been paid.

Attached to the Notice of Allowability is an Interview Summary of an Examiner-initiated interview regarding a telephone conference between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on January 30, 2008. Applicants have until March 25, 2008 to provide a formal written reply to include the substance of the interview. Thus, this Statement is timely filed.

The Examiner's remarks reflect the substance of the interview. Basically, the Examiner noted to Sean A. Passino (Reg. # 45,943) that the new claims were drawn to a new patentably distinct invention and must be restricted from the previously examined subject matter. Since the examined subject matter in claims 21-22 was allowable, the application was in condition for allowance but for the newly added claims. Canceling the new claims 23-42 without prejudice or disclaimer avoided forcing the examiner to make another action.

Applicants will pursue the subject matter of claims 23-42 in one or more divisional applications.

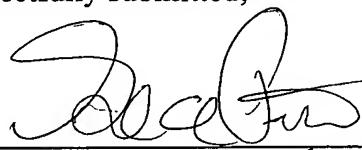
Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner LAYLA BLAND	Art Unit 1623

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) LAYLA BLAND. (3) _____.

(2) Sean Passino. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 30 January 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 21-42.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Passino authorized the cancellation of claims 23-42.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Layla Bland/
Examiner, Art Unit 1623

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an
Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required